

BACKGROUND OF DR. DANIEL ELLSBERG

Education

- Harvard College, 1948-52 (B.A., Economics; summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa).
- Woodrow Wilson Fellow, King's College, Cambridge University, 1952-53.
- Society of Fellows, Harvard, 1957-59.
- Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard, 1962 (undergraduate and Ph.D. theses on decision-making under uncertainty).

Military Service

Officer, U.S. Marine Corps, 1954-57: rifle platoon leader, rifle company commander, operations officer. (Voluntarily extended enlistment for 8 months, 1956-57, to serve in Mediterranean during Suez crisis.)

Major Employment

- RAND Corporation, Santa Monica: strategic analyst, Economics Department, 1958-64, 1967-70.
- Consultant to the Defense Department, State Department and White House (see list below) on command and control of nuclear weapons and on strategic nuclear war plans, 1961-64; on Vietnam options and lessons, 1967-69.
- Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs John T. McNaughton, 1964-65 (GS-18: highest Civil Service "super-grade," civilian equivalent of Lt. General).
- Senior Liaison Officer under Edward Lansdale, State Department (FSR-1, State Department equivalent of GS-18), U.S. Embassy, Saigon, South Vietnam, 1965-66. Member of Roles and Missions Study for Mission Council, 1966.
- Special Assistant to Deputy Ambassador William Porter, U.S. Embassy, South Vietnam, 1967, evaluating pacification (involving considerable field observation of combat operations with ARVN and U.S. units).
- Senior Research Associate, Center for International Studies, M.I.T., 1970-72; author of Papers on the War, 1972 (including "The Quagmire Myth and the Stalemate Machine," winner of Pi Sigma Alpha Award of the Political Science Association, September 1970.)

--Stanford University, Undergraduate Course, "Nuclear Weapons and U.S. Foreign Policy," Spring 1979.

--Distinguished Lecturer, Erik H. and Joan M. Erikson Center (Cambridge Hospital Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School), 1983-84, "The Readiness to Threaten or Carry Out Massacre: Some Psychological Aspects of U.S. Nuclear Policy."

--Regents' Lecturer, University of California at Irvine, Winter Quarter, 1983-1984, "Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy," lecture and seminar.

--Lecturer, writer and active participant, since 1975, in the movement to lower the risks of nuclear war.

Major Consulting and Task Force Membership

--Task Force on CINPAC (Commander-in-Chief, Pacific) Command and Control of Nuclear Weapons, 1959-60.

--Joint Staff Study Group on Survivability of National Command and Control of Nuclear Weapons, December 1960.

--Sole drafter of the general nuclear war section of the Secretary of Defense Guidance on Basic National Security Policy, 1961 (the highest-level Kennedy Administration policy guidance for the annual operational nuclear war plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff). Consultant on SIOP (Single Integrated Operational Plan, the strategic nuclear war plan) Options.

--Consultant to the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, McGeorge Bundy, 1961, on strategic war plans and on delegation of Presidential authority to execute nuclear war plans.

--Consultant to Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, 1961-63 (drafted several major policy speeches, including final draft of Ann Arbor "no cities" speech, 1962, and annual statement to NATO, December 1964.)

--Consultant to Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell Gilpatric, 1961-63, on strategic nuclear war planning. Reviewed for Mr. Gilpatric the annual Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan, the annual operational war plan of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

--DDR&E (Defense Directorate of Research and Engineering) Task Force on Limited War Research and Development, 1961.

- Partridge Task Force (headed by General Partridge, formerly Commander, North American Air Defense Command) on Presidential Command and Control, 1961.
- Consultant to the Chairman of the Policy Planning Council, State Department, Walt W. Rostow, on Basic National Security Policy, 1962.
- Cuban Missile Crisis, October 1962: member both of Rostow Working Group and ISA Working Group, reporting to the Executive Committee of the National Security Council (EXCOM).
- Sole researcher on Interagency Study of Presidential Decision-making in Nuclear Crises, for Policy Planning Council of the State Department, with special clearances higher than Top Secret and with access to high-level files of State and Defense Departments, CIA, and Joint Staff, JCS, 1964.
- McNamara Task Force on History of U.S. Decision-making in Vietnam, 1945-68 (subsequently known as the Pentagon Papers), 1967-69. Original drafter of volume on 1961 Kennedy decisions. Sole researcher with authorized access to entire 43-volume study, as part of "Lessons of Vietnam" study at RAND Corporation, 1968-69.
- Consultant to Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Henry Kissinger, December 1968-March 1969. Drafter of Vietnam Options paper (presented to the National Security Council at its first meeting under Nixon) and of National Security Study Memorandum 1 (NSSM-1, a set of presidential questions and directed studies on Vietnam).